

Appln. No. 10/087,276

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II. Remarks

Reconsideration and re-examination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is herein respectfully requested.

After entering this amendment, claims 3-6, 8, 9, and 11-14 remain pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The undersigned acknowledges the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 3-5, 8-9, and 11-14 if rewritten into independent form so as to include all of the limitations of the base claim or any intervening claims.

In response thereto, claims 3, 8, and 9 have been amended to include all of the limitations of their base claim. Claim 6, which previously depended from claim 2, has been amended to depend from claim 3. Accordingly, claims 3-6 and 8-9 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In addition, claim 11 has been amended to include all of the limitations of its base claim, claim 10. Accordingly, claim 11 and the claims depending therefrom, claims 12-14, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of record and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is requested.

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